GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department - Diversion of 0.46 ha of forest land for alignment of approach road till main entrance gate of AIIMS (Eastern road – Bell mount) in compartment No.132, Mangalagiri Block, Tadepalli RF, Guntur Division in favour of Executive Engineer, (R&B) Division, Guntur – Final approval - Accorded.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.26 Dated 20.06.2024
Read the following:-

1)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02- 15034/18/2021-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated 03.01.2022.
2)Govt.Lr.No.15/Section.II/2022/1610054, dated 16.03.2022.
3)From the GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO,Vijayawada, Lr.F.No.4-APB151/2022-VIJ/570, dated 17.09.2022.
4)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02- 15034/18/2021-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated 29.08.2023.
5)Govt.Lr.No.15/Section.II/2022/1610054, dated 28.05.2024.
6)From the GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, F.No.4-APB151/2022-VIJ/370, dated 01.06.2024.

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ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a statutory proforma proposal for diversion of 0.46 ha of forest land for alignment of approach road till main entrance gate of AIIMS (Eastern road – Bell mount) in compartment No.132, Mangalagiri Block, Tadepalli RF, Guntur Division in favour of Executive Engineer, (R&B) Division, Guntur and requested to take necessary action for onward submission of the proposal to GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada to accord Forest Clearance under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada for its approval under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada have accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the subject proposal, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein and informed that this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of letter.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., has furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the letter 3rd read above and requested to forward the same to the GoI, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Sub-office at Vijayawada to accord stage-II (final) approval to the subject proposal. Accordingly, the said compliance report has been forwarded to the GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai vide letter 5th read above for according final approval to the subject proposal.

5. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, have accorded final approval under section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan)

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Adhiniyam, 1980 for "diversion of 0.46 ha of forest land for alignment of approach road till main entrance gate of AIIMS (Eastern road – Bell mount) in compartment No.132, Mangalagiri Block, Tadepalli RF, Guntur Division in favour of Executive Engineer, (R&B) Division, Guntur" subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

6. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for "diversion of 0.46 ha of forest land for alignment of approach road till main entrance gate of AIIMS (Eastern road – Bell mount) in compartment No.132, Mangalagiri Block, Tadepalli RF, Guntur Division in favour of Executive Engineer, (R&B) Division, Guntur" subject to the following conditions:-

i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
ii. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency;
iii. The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory **afforestation (ten times the tree to be felled in the proposed area for diversion i.e. 128X10=1280 number of plants**) in 1.20 ha of degraded forest land identified in Compartment No.22, Mekapadu RF, Vinukonda Range at the User Agency;
iv. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency.
v. The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost,
vi. The User Agency shall carry out avenue plantation and its maintenance on sides of the road at the cost of the project;
vii. Felling of trees shall be carried out wherever necessary and with strict supervision of State Forest Department. The User Agency shall carry out translocation of trees wherever feasible in consultation with DFO concerned, at the project cost:
viii. Construction of culverts/bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals shall be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals;
ix. Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil;
x. The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;
xi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior the approval of the Central Government;
xii. The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area;
xiii. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
xiv. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.46** ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
xv. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
xvi. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

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xvii. Any other conditions that the Central Government may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;

xviii. The conditions required to be adhered under the Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be strictly complied with;

xix. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.SRI SARAVANAN
SPECIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, Green House Complex, Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada – 520 010.

Roads and Buildings Department, O/o The Executive Engineer, (R&B) Division, Guntur – 522 003(eerbgtr@gmail.com)

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